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HEREWITH FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A JOINT PRESS RELEASE BY THE

US AND VENEZUELA AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT

OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A KISSINGER TO VENEZUELA:

CARACAS -- THE US EXPRESSED ITS DEEP COMMITMENT TO

SEEK A NEW, VIGOROUS SPIRIT OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, BELIEVING

THAT THE COMMON EXPERIENCE AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE NATIONS OF THE

AMERICAS PROVIDE A UNIQUE ADVANTAGE, AND THAT HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION

IS CENTRAL TO THE EFFORT TO BUILD A GREATER WORLD COMMUNITY.

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TO BUILD UPON THE SPECIAL STRENGTH OF HEMISPHERE COOPERATION IN ADDRESSING THE NEW GLOBAL CHALLENGES OF INTERDEPENDENCE, VENEZUELA AND THE US AGREED TODAY TO NEW AND CLOSER COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CONTROL OF SMUGGING AND UNLAWFUL USE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO AGREED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARD THE NEGOTIATION OF A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT.

FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM AND US SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A KISSINGER ANNOUNCED THAT VENEZUELA HAD ACCEPTED THE US INVITATION TO SEND A TEAM OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED ENERGY EXPERT TO SURVEY IN DEPTH US RESEARCH IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY--COAL, NUCLEAR, SOLAR, OIL SHALE EXTRACTION, GEOGHERMAL AND WIND.

IN JAN 1975, THE THEN SECRETARY OF INTERIOR THURSTON MORTON PROPOSED IN BOSTON AT THE FIRST US-VENEZUELAN SYMPOSIUM ON BI-LATERAL RELATIONS THAT VENEZUELA SHARE THE BENEFITS OF ADVANCED US RESEARCH IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IN VIEW OF THE STRONG AND MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE FORTHCOMING TRIP OF THE VENEZUELAN ENERGY EXPERTS WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTING WHAT HASADJECO ME KNOWN IN VENEZUELA AS "THE MORTON OFFER."

THE TWO MINISTERS FURTHER AGREED TO UNDERTAKE NEW PROGRAMS IN THE AREA OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, CONSISING OF A HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS. THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH VENEZUELA HAS PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED DETAILS OF A BILATERAL NARCOTICS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR INTENSIFIED COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO STEM THE UNLAWFUL USE OF AND SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DRAWING UOPON THEIR CLOSE BOND AS NATIONS COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY, VENEZUELA AND THE US AFFIRM THEIR BELIEF THAT THE INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES OF DEMOCRACY ARE ESSENTIAL IF MANKIND'S FUTURE IS TO BE ENHANCED BY FREEDOM, EQUAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

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